

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**Applicants:** Boher et al.

**Examiner:** Hamza, Faruk

**Serial No.:** 10/046,034

**Group:** Art Unit 2155

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**For: SYSTEM, METHOD, AND BUSINESS METHODS FOR ENFORCING  
PRIVACY PREFERENCES ON PERSONAL-DATA EXCHANGES  
ACROSS A NETWORK**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In response to the Office Action mailed on June 29, 2007, Applicants elect prosecution of claims 1-37 consistent with purported "species 1". Applicants respectfully contend that the crux of the restriction requirement - a finding of independent or distinct species (as set forth on pages 2-3 of the Office Action) and no generic claims - is seemingly based on conclusory assertions that are confusing and not well reasoned on either a factual or legal level. Applicants wholly disagree with the Examiner's factual assertions but yet reserve their right to traverse the restriction requirement and file any necessary petitions at a later time, if needed, to officially challenge the restriction requirement.

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